

FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Santa Clara Square

3610 and 3700 El Camino Real

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INTRODUCTION

The Santa Clara Square Draft EIR (DEIR) was circulated for public review and comments from July 21, 2006 to September 7, 2006. This document, which is a part of the Final EIR (FEIR), includes responses to written comments that were received on the DEIR, and text amendments. The Final EIR includes:

- Draft EIR
- A list of persons, organizations and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR
- Comment Letters on the Draft EIR
- Responses to Comment Letters on the Draft EIR
- Text Amendments

A total of 59 comment letters were received: 7 from public agencies and 52 from neighboring homeowners. Many of the written comments were personal opinions or were raised on issues and information that were identified and adequately addressed in the Draft EIR and are not “significant environmental issues”. A number of comments also expressed opposition to the project; while these comments are important for the public discourse on the merits of the project, they do not affect the adequacy of the Draft EIR. None of the comments raised significant deficiencies in the DEIR. All of the comments are acknowledged and are part of the Final EIR. The responses emphasize issues related to the adequacy of the Draft EIR in identifying and analyzing the possible significant environmental impacts of the project and possible approaches for avoiding or mitigating these impacts.

The comment letters are numbered and listed in the order they were received in the following Comment Letter Matrix. The matrix shows staff’s understanding as to which letters commented on which topics. Master responses were prepared for comments that are repeated in multiple letters. All letters are responded to individually, with the responses on the opposite page facing the comment page. The number preceding the response refers to the comment’s designation. Where the comments were not designated, they have been numbered consecutively. The responses to public agency letters are collectively presented first, followed by the master responses and responses to general public letters; and section VI presents text amendments to the Draft EIR.